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FOR THE DIRECTOR OF MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS (M/MO) FROM
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SUBJECT: MODE - AGRICULTURE/FAS REQUEST TO ESTABLISH AN AMERICAN
SECRETARIAL POSITION IN FODAG UNIT

REF: STATE 110514

1. MINDFUL OF MY RESPONSIBILITIES WITH REGARD TO MODE,
AND IN CONTINUATION OF OUR SEARCHING EXAMINATION INTO ALL
ASPECTS OF STAFFING OTHER AGENCIES IN ITALY, I HAVE
CAREFULLY CONSIDERED THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S
REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A FIFTH AMERICAN SECRETARY FOR THE
FIVE-OFFICER FODAG UNIT IN ROME AND HAVE CONCLUDED THAT
I CANNOT CONCUR WITH THAT REQUEST.

2. WITH THE STRINGENT POSITION CEILINGS BEING CALLED
FOR TODAY, FEW ORGANIZATIONS CAN JUSTIFY A RATIO OF
FOUR AMERICAN SECRETARIES TO FIVE OFFICERS. IN FACT,
OUR CONCURRENCE IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FOURTH
AMERICAN SECRETARIAL POSITION IN 1977 WAS MADE
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RELUCTANTLY, AS WE FAVORED A LOCAL SUPPORT POSITION
TO PROVIDE CONTINUITY AND LOCAL EXPERTISE TO COMPLEMENT
THE THREE ESTABLISHED AMERICAN SECRETARIES. I DO
NOT BELIEVE A FIFTH FULL-TIME AMERICAN SECRETARY IS NECESSARY.

3. IF THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPORT IS SO PRESSING
DURING DELEGATION VISITS FOR CONFERENCES, I BELIEVE

THAT POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEM SHOULD BE
SOUGHT THROUGH IO BY A) TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT OR
B) TEMPORARY HIRE, PREFERABLY ON A WAE BASIS.

4. WE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT REDUCTION OF ONE ASSISTANT
AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE AND DO NOT CONSIDER THE QUESTION
RAISED IN PARA 4 OF REFTEL TO BE RELEVANT TO THE
QUESTION OF THE SECRETARIAL SLOT. GARDNER

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